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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Last week, Republicans in Congress unveiled their budget proposal, which would [end Medicare as we know it](#) in order to preserve taxpayer handouts for wealthy individuals and profitable corporations.

With the President set to unveil his plan for debt reduction later today, Representative Russ Carnahan today released the following statement, urging Democrats and Republicans to come together to find long-term solutions that don't damage job creation efforts or gut critical safety net programs that Missouri seniors depend on.

“If you work hard and play by the rules, you should be able to find a good-paying job that can help build a better life for your family. You should be able to send your kids to college. You should be able to retire with dignity and security, knowing that you can keep a roof over your head and food on the table, and get the health care you need.

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“But the Republican budget proposed last week will dismantle that American Dream for families I represent in Missouri.

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“The Republican budget would end Medicare and gut Medicaid in order to hand over taxpayer money to millionaires, big oil companies and corporations who are shipping American jobs overseas. It’s an irresponsible proposal that will hurt seniors, families, and businesses, and will endanger our fragile economic recovery.

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“A responsible budget proposal doesn’t take money from seniors, middle class families and small business owners in order to hand it over to our most affluent citizens and corporations. In order to tackle the national debt, all Americans should do their fair share.

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“Instead of scapegoating seniors in order to give tax breaks to the super-rich, let’s get serious about working together to find long-term budget solutions that will help build on the American Dream, not dismantle it.”

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